

ESSO WINNER!



Ian Stone, librarian in the Commerce and Technology Division of the State Reference Library of Western Australia has won the inaugural ESSO Scholarship for the Professional Staff of Australian Public Libraries,

Museums and Galleries for travel overseas.

Announcing the scholarship in Sydney, Esso's Chairman and Managing Director, Stuart McGill, said the Esso Scholarship will enable recipients to gain experience and skills from institutions overseas and to share that learning with Australian institutions on their return. 'At the same time, they will let people overseas know that Australia and Australians have special experience and skills to share,' he said.

Ian will be researching the methods major public library authorities in the United Kingdom are using to generate revenue to supplement grants from government sources.

In particular he will be working in the British Library's Science Reference and Information Service in London, gaining experience working in a major library, and also examining the British Library's recently released 'Advancing with knowledge' plan. This seeks to expand the British Library's fee earning services, especially those aimed at the scientific, technical and business communities.

The \$12,500 scholarship covers the cost of travel and living expenses, while the State Library Service of Western Australia will support Ian by continuing to pay his normal salary.

Information Technology and IFLA in Tokyo

By attending an IFLA conference one can get the opportunity to stand in for a lot of people. A series of such opportunities presented themselves in Tokyo last August when I was able to read papers for Alan Horton, Warren Horton and the 1986 LAA President, Ian McCallum. Ian's involvement in IFLA is as a member of the Information Technology Section.

Other members of this section who attended the two meetings included Steven Massil (Secretary), Christine Bossmeyer (President), Cynthia Durance (National Library of Canada) with M. Malinconico sitting in as an observer. (As Ian McCallum observed in Kenya, the sectional meetings do really start at 8.30 am on Sunday morning, jet-lag notwithstanding.)

Discussions covered a range of topics including UNIMARC, international MARC handbooks, transborder data flows and open systems interconnection. The Information Technology Section also conducted a very successful pre-conference seminar entitled Automated Systems for Access to Multilingual and Multiscript Library Materials: problems and solutions.

Planning for section activities and papers for the IFLA Conference in Brighton was also undertaken and the first announcement of a pre-conference International symposium on OSI - the Communications Technology of the 1990s' has already appeared.

This brief report does not pretend to cover all aspects of the activities of the section. These were far too detailed for the casual observer to absorb. Nevertheless, it is obvious that the section has a broad agenda which its members are working consistently to address and I welcomed the opportunity to join them on this occasion.

Barrie Mitcheson

Continuing Ed on TV

The ABC and SBS will be establishing an 'Open University' concept this year and televising continuing education and TAFE courses. If the concept is as successful as the British model, this is likely to have an impact on library use.

The courses have been developed by TAFE institutions, Departments of Continuing Education in Universities and WEAs or CAEs in the various states. Each state will receive a separate program. The programs are being packaged by Learning Network Pty Ltd in Melbourne and hard copies of the tapes are also available through a sister company, Education Media Australia, also based in Melbourne.

The courses will start nationwide on 2 March and will run on the ABC from Monday to Friday from 6.00am-8.00am. On SBS they are timed provisionally for 3.30pm-4.00pm Wednesday to Friday and 12.30pm-1.00pm Saturday and Sunday. The network has contracted for up to 12 hours per week on each channel so the courses can be expanded.

In South Australia, the courses being offered include 'new literacy', 'business management', 'business hospitality', 'DC circuits' and 'health problems of elderly Greeks'.

Attempts have been made to get a library promotion message run across the bottom of the screen during these times, so far without success. The Learning Network will carry an 008 message at the end of each program encouraging enquiries. It is suggested that each state library co-ordinate its own message and ALPC has been asked to continue to press for national publicity on screen. The whole concept is part funded by the Federal Government so there will be no charge for the end of screen telephone service.

If you wish to know more, Learning Network can be contacted on (03) 690 9866 or 90 1899.

Euan M. Miller
SA State Librarian

DIS turns ten

1987 is the tenth anniversary of the formation of Defence Information Services (DIS). The DIS network consists of a combination of military and defence science libraries, and is unique in the world. There are 84 libraries in the DIS network which provide services to members of all three services and other elements of the defence community. Each library is a special library, with materials and services tailored to the particular functions and needs of its clients.

The Assistant Secretary, Defence Information Services, has control of all defence libraries and the Defence Information Services Branch (DISB) in Canberra.

All network libraries are dependent on DISB for document exchange, funding, policy, procedures, training, catalogues and nationwide current awareness services. DISB acquires material for all except the major laboratory libraries at Aeronautical Research Laboratories, Materials Research Laboratories and Defence Research Centre Salisbury.

Regional libraries support the network libraries in their area and Regional librarians and other senior librarians meet regularly in Canberra to plan implementation of policy and network procedures.

Activities are being planned on local, regional and national levels to celebrate this tenth anniversary. Watch *InCite* for news of events of interest to the wider library world.

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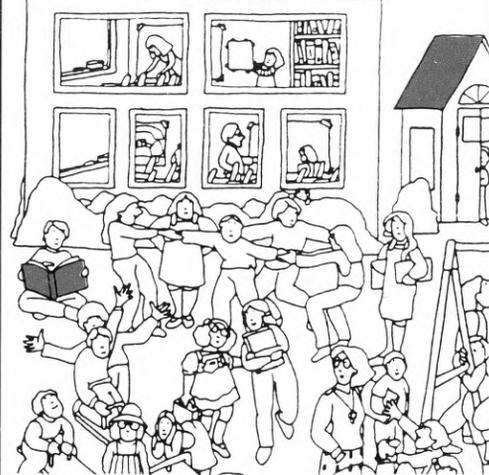
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